



Dutch Kingdom/Aruba 2022

**Towards Ratification of the  
UNESCO 2001 Convention**

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# 1. Introduction

## Background of the NAMA: Goals and relationship with the UNESCO 2001 Convention

- Aruba part of the Dutch Kingdom
- Associate member UNESCO
- Caribbean SIDS



# 1. Introduction

## National Archaeological Museum Aruba

- NAMA (Ministry of Culture) responsible archaeological heritage
- Interest in and relationship with Underwater Cultural Heritage
- No Maritime Museum or maritime entity
- Parallel development with UNESCO 2001 Convention
- Ratification of UNESCO 2001 Convention Dutch Kingdom in 2022

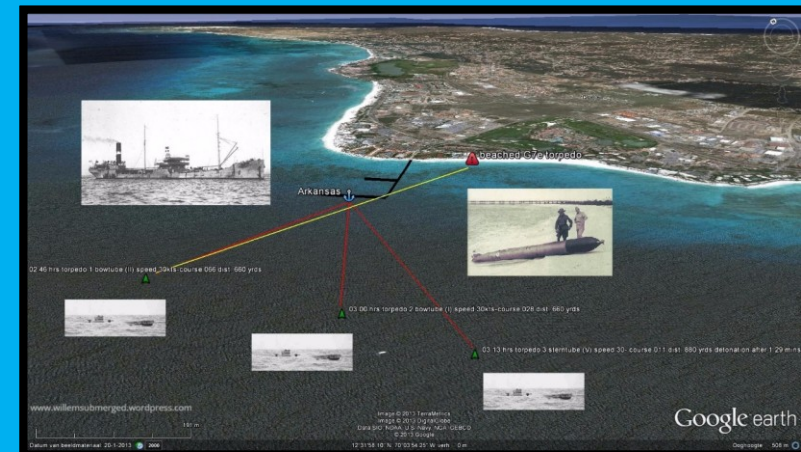
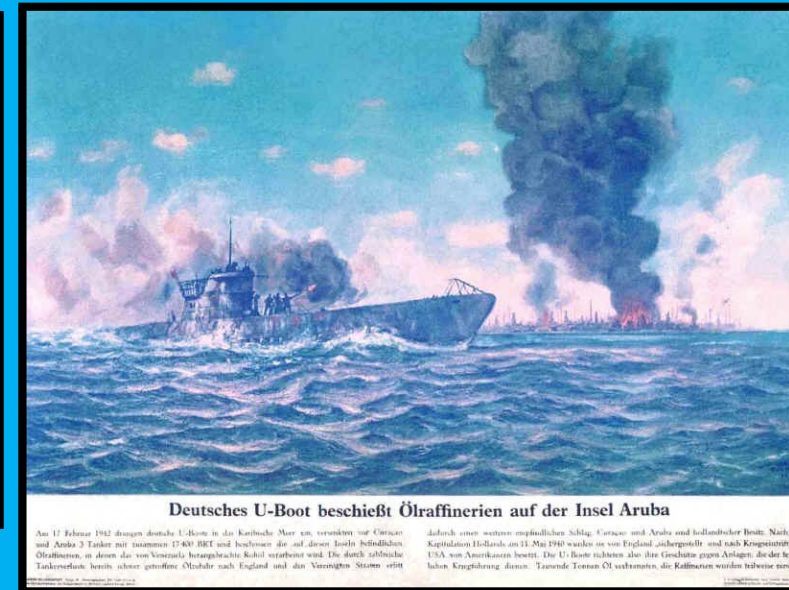




## 2. Underwater Cultural Heritage and Management Aruba Before 1999

Treasure hunting, private collections, leisure

- 1940's - Aruba and World War II
  - SS Troja & ES Antilla (1940): Landmark
  - SS Oranjestad, SS Arkansas, SS Pedernales (1942)

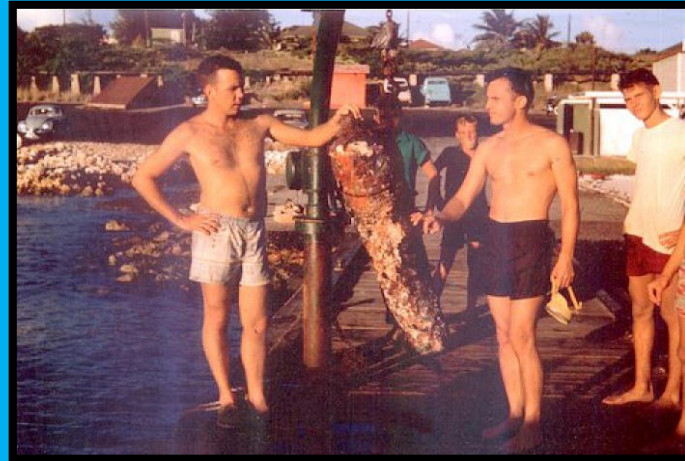




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- 1950's Finds and perception



**CLEANED** of coral and washed in acid, one of the smaller weapons shows the remains of the post upon which it swiveled. It bore the markings 'P' and '9-3-25'. Another cannon of similar size was marked 'DP'. All the markings appeared hand-cut.

**LIMPIA** di kalukli y tabá cu ácido, un di e armanan mas chiquito ta muntra e resto di e palu ariba cual e tabata drasi. E tin marcá ariba di 'P' y '9-3-25'. Un otro kanon di grandura similar tabata marcá 'DP'. Tur e marcacion ta parce cortá cu man.



**THOMAS TUCKER**, who discovered the cannons, is shown with one of the larger weapons. The picture was taken by A. R. Buchanan of the Mechanical Department.

**THOMAS TUCKER**, cu e descubri e kanonan, ta wordé muntra cu un di e armanan mas grandi. E portret a wordé sacá door di A. R. Buchanan

## Old Cannons Found off Reef

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ARTURA ESSO NEWS

November 30, 1957

### Artifacts of Romantic Past Recovered

The second chapter of an exciting story in underwater exploration off the island was written two weeks ago when amateur divers brought up from the floor of the reef a barnacle-encrusted anchor and a cannon, at least 100 years old.

They came from the same spot where, in June, 1954, other divers brought up five cannons. Just when or how these artifacts got to the bottom of the sea is a topic wide open for speculation.

The latest exploring was carried out by John Geis and Bill Herron. First item raised was a 18-1/2 foot long anchor, which weighed an estimated 1000 pounds. A block and tackle was rigged on Martin Smith's catamaran, and divers fixed lines to the deadweight anchor below. It was then raised off the sea floor, and the catamaran was towed into the boat dock at Rogers Beach. At that point the dock winch took over the lifting job.

**Second Dive**

A week later, in rough and choppy waters, the divers went down off the Sea Scout boat Pedernales in an attempt to bring up the cannons.

In the 1954 dives, Tom Tucker, who originally discovered the debris, observed perhaps five more cannons when the salvage work then came to an end. But the most recent expedition actually saw only two, and perhaps three. One of these was raised. This time the Pedernales, a sturdy craft, was rigged with the block and tackle, and after the divers had lashed the gun to it, had no difficulty in bringing it to the boat dock.

In 1954 guns of two sizes were brought up; 1957's was of the larger type, some four feet long, and weighing an estimated 700 pounds.

Unfavorable conditions of the water made further exploration impossible, so the expedition called it quits. At least one more cannon was spotted, and the divers think, a second, but there was no more evidence that the bulk of a ship was there, or had ever been there.

**Study by Experts**

Information and photographs of the 1954 finds were forwarded to the United States Army Ordnance

Corrosion and vegetation of lamar

POISING WITH the huge anchor they yanked from the sea floor are John Geis, Martin Smith and Bill Herron. The anchor is 18 1/2-foot long.

POSANDO HUNTO cu e anker grandi cu nan a lanta for di fondo di lamar ta John Geis, Martin Smith y Bill Herron. E ta 18-1/2 pia largo.

### Artefactonan Pasado Descubry For di Fondo di Lamar

E segunda capítulo di un interesante historia den exploracion bao awa dilanti e isla a wordé scirbi dos siman pasá ora sambuyadornan amateur a trece ariba for di fondo di lamar na rif un anker y un cayon di a lo menos 100 anja bieu.

Nan a wordé hayá na mes lugar unda na Juni 1954 otro sambuyadornan a saca cinco cayon. E manera con e artefactonan aki a yega na fondo di lamar ta un topico cu ta habri pa discusion.

E ultimo exploracion a wordé haci door di John Geis y Bill Herron.

E promer articulo cu a wordé sacá tabata e anker di 18-1/2 pia, cual tabata pisa mas of menos 1000 liber. Sambuyadornan a mara cabeyo na e anker abao y un maquina di Martin Smith a tancé'e, y hibe'e e dok di bota na Rogers Beach. Aki

ta imposibel pa especifica e fecha mas cerca.

E cayonnan mas grandi tabata parti di un bateria normal abordo di barco, y tabata montá ariba wif. Nan tabata trahá di hero baahá, inscribi den forma decorativo cu inicial di e fabricante, y nan tabata munda tiro rondó. E cayon grandi tabata tira un bala pisando entre 12 y 20 liber.

Corrosion y vegetacion di lamar

DRIPPING AND covered with barnacles the hundred-year-old cannon is hoisted up on the boat dock. It measured four feet long and weighed an estimated 700 pounds.

CORRIENDO awa y cabri cu barnacel e cayon di cien anja bieu ta wordé halá ariba e dok di bota. E tabata cuatro pia largo y tabata pisa mas of menos 700 liber.

BREAKING SURFACE, one of the divers checks the hook and cable on the hook and tackle aboard the Pedernales before the gun is raised from the bottom.

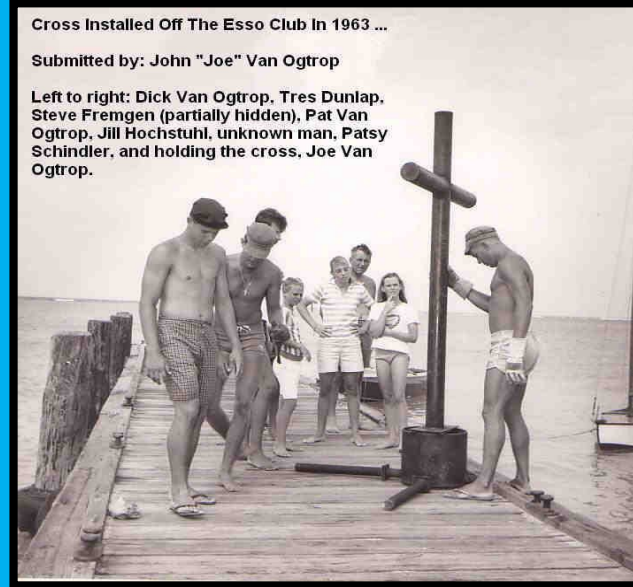
NA LARBA, un di e sambuyadornan ta check e haak y cable ariba e blukli y cadena abordo di Pedernales promé cu e cayon wordé hial.



## 2. Underwater Cultural Heritage and Management Before 1999

Treasure hunting, private collections, leisure

- 1960's Finds and perception
- 1970's Finds and perception





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Treasure hunting, private collections, leisure

- 1980's-2000's Sinking of e.g., ships, boats, planes, cars for diving, creating coral reefs, tourism
- 1995 Placement of Anchor Charlie Brouns Jr. at Gate 6 Lago Colony (landmark)



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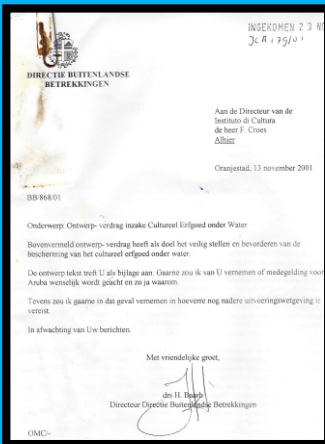
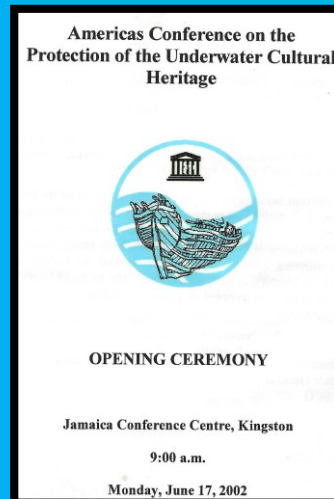




### 3. 1999-2008: A Period of Reconnaissance

First scientific contact with UCH: cooperation, collecting information, capacitation, networking, finds, legislation matters

- 1999 NAMA: UCH also archaeology and responsibility NAMA/Ministry of Culture
- 2000 UHC Survey Commandeursbaai STIMANA: Scientific information, cooperation
- 2001 Spanish Olive Jar Sta. Cruz 35 Cemetery find: relationship UCH Spanish Olive Jars
- 2002 - Advice to Department of Foreign Affairs about UNESCO 2001 Convention  
- UNESCO UCH Congress Jamaica: capacitation, networking, UCH 2001 Convention

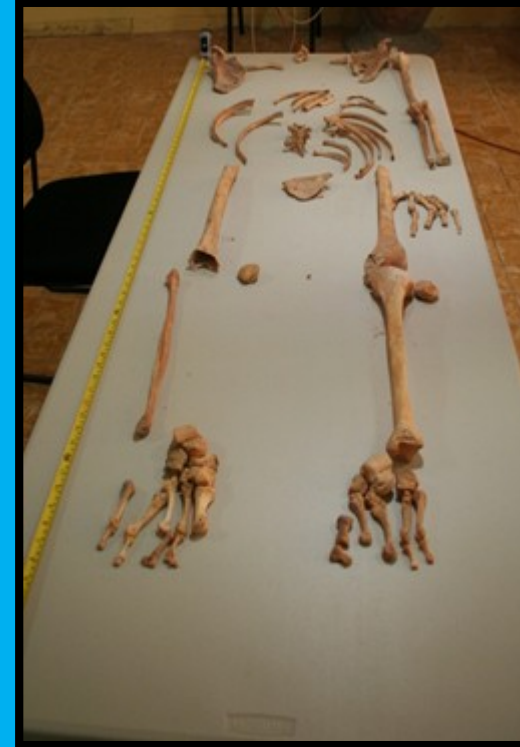
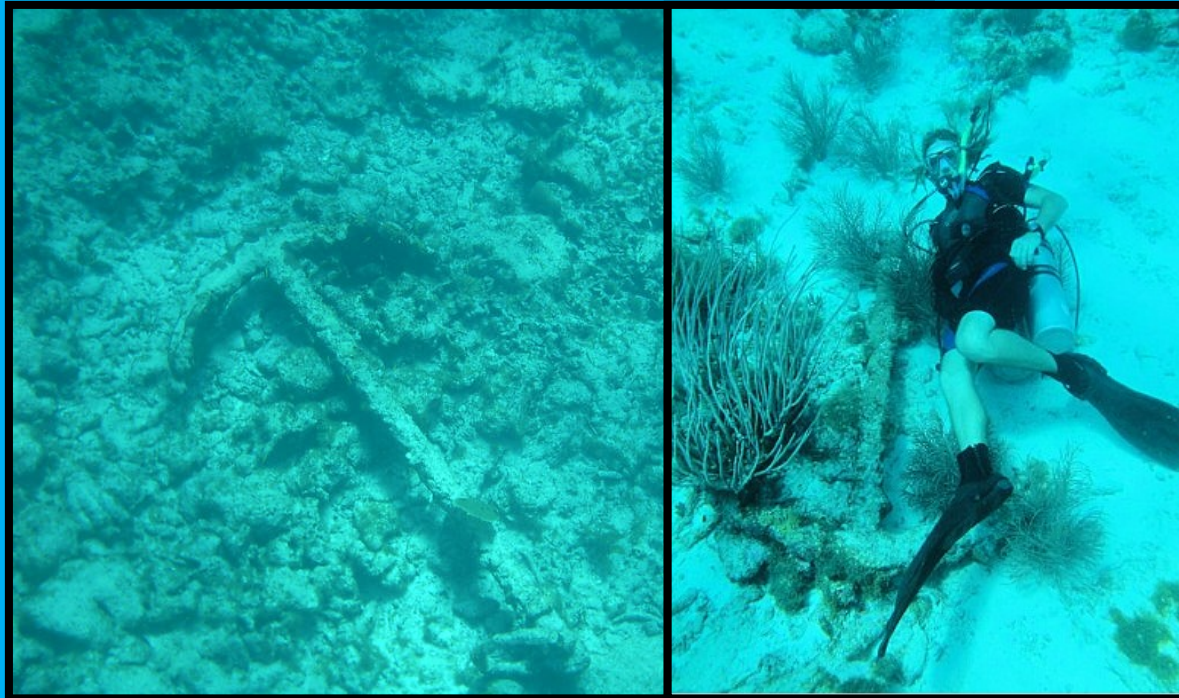




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- 2004 - Druif grave (1830): Find in Maritime context
- 2005 - Netherlands: Declaration of Contiguous Zone (LOSC/UNCLOS)  
- Seminar NAAM Protection Cultural Heritage Dutch Caribbean:  
exploring existent legislation, including UCH
- 2007 Boc'i Brik grave (1886): find in maritime context (seaman's grave)
- 2008 Find Report Indiaans Koppe: anchor at reef





## 4. 2009-2018: Getting More Acquainted With the UNESCO 2001 Convention

Steps towards structural capacitation, creating awareness, cooperation, networking and legislative matters

- 2009
  - Permanent Exhibit NAMA included some UCH finds: creating awareness
  - Seminar NAAM Legislation Cultural Heritage in a Caribbean Perspective
  - Disconcerting situation SS Oranjestad Memorial Committee activities: networking, raising awareness

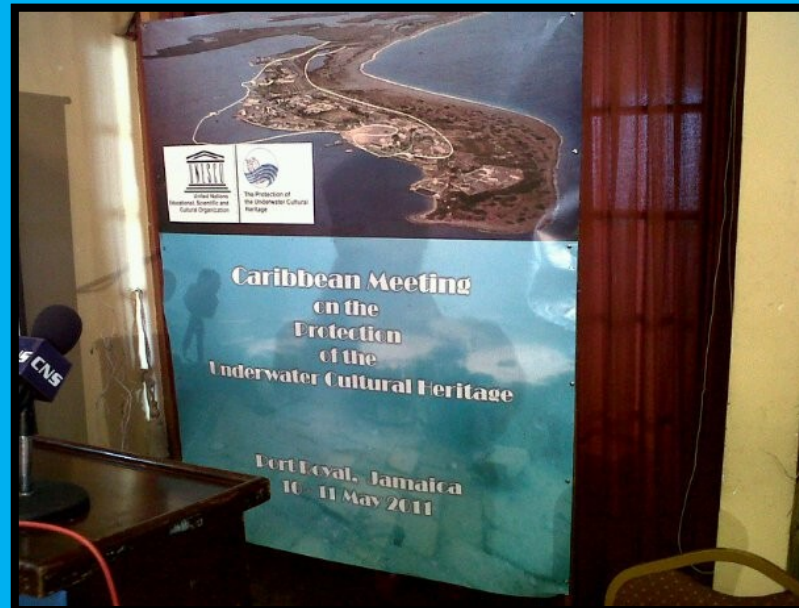
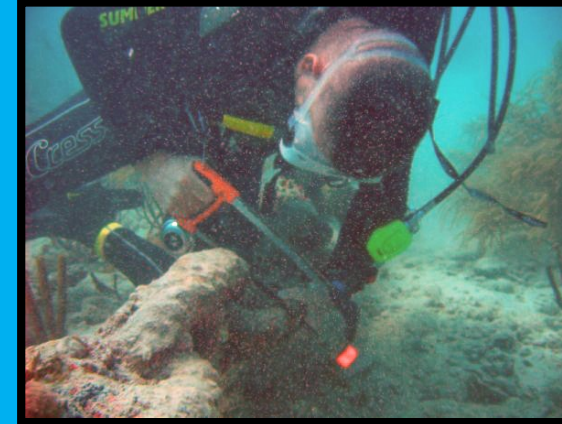




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- 2010 Official monument WWII at Savaneta Marine Basis: networking, raising awareness
- 2011
  - UNESCO UCH Congresses Mexico & Jamaica: capacitation, networking, legislation matters
  - Presentation Council of Ministers UNESCO 2001 Convention: raising awareness, networking
  - Inventory UCH for Protected Monuments: first time inventory, alternative protection
  - Concept of Marine Park (first time): government policy, Maritime Management (UCH not included)
  - Petition terrain for placement of propellor SS Oranjestad (Advice NAMA)

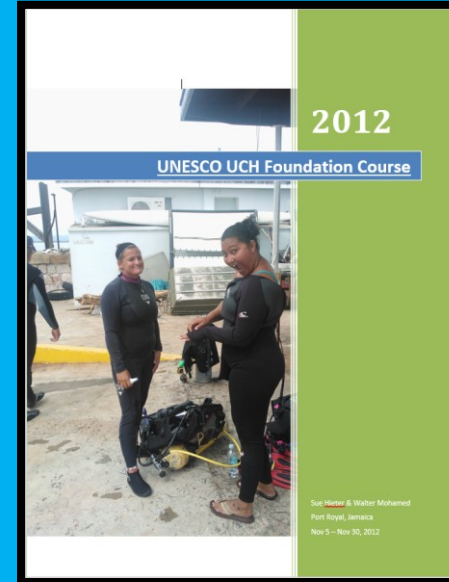




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- 2012
  - Publication Boc'i Brik, expo & lecture (first publication UCH): raising awareness, networking, finds
  - Acquiring artefacts of SS Pedernales (Gino Wauben collection)
  - Capacitation course Jamaica: capacitation (first time scientific diving), networking
  - Airplane parts Boca Grandi find: coastal UCH find





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Steps towards structural capacitation, creating awareness, cooperation, networking and legislative matters

- 2013 - UNESCO UCH Congress St. Kitts: capacitation, networking  
- “Café Cultural” UCH by NAMA and participants Jamaica 2012: raising awareness, networking
- 2014 Concept Ordinance Maritime Zones Management Aruba: legislative matters

5de Concept 5 februari 2014 DSA TT i.s.m. GrK en LW (DWJZ) - relevante teksten voor het Museo ANA

Landsverordening houdende regels voor de maritieme zones van Aruba (Landsverordening maritiem beheer) *Aruba*

ONTWERP

IN NAAM VAN DE KONING!

DE GOUVERNEUR van Aruba,

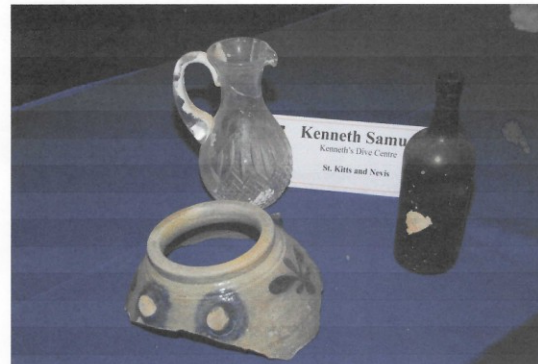
In overweging genomen hebbende:

dat het wenselijk is voor de maritieme wateren uitvoering te geven aan een aantal verdragen en daarbij rekening te houden met de duurzame ontwikkeling van Aruba;

Heeft, de Raad van Advies gehoord, met gemeen overleg der Staten, vastgesteld onderstaande landsverordening:

### Rapportage

### Unesco subregional workshop



On (Underwater) Cultural Heritage Protection Laws for the Caribbean Small Island States



Stichting Monumentenfonds Aruba  
Juni 2013

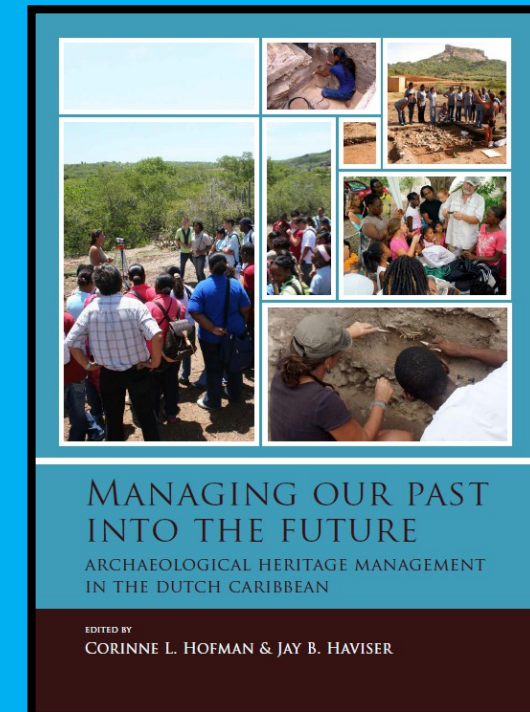
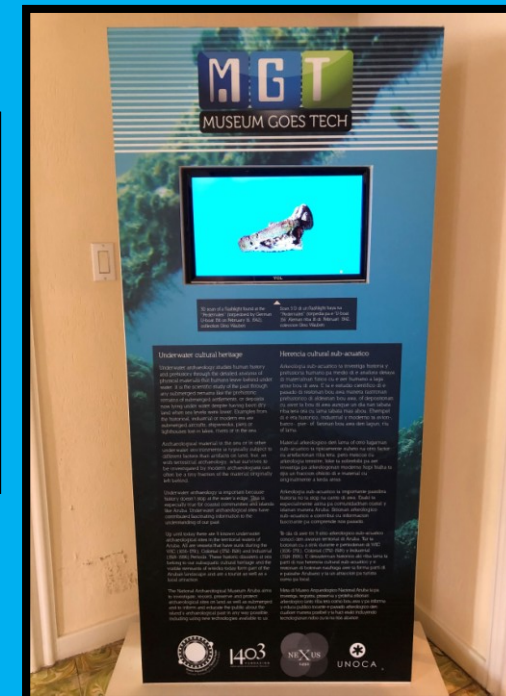
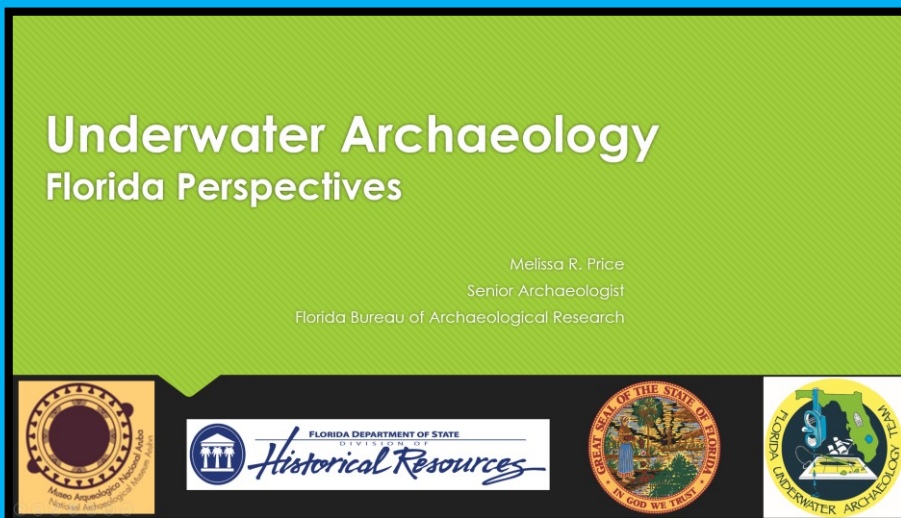
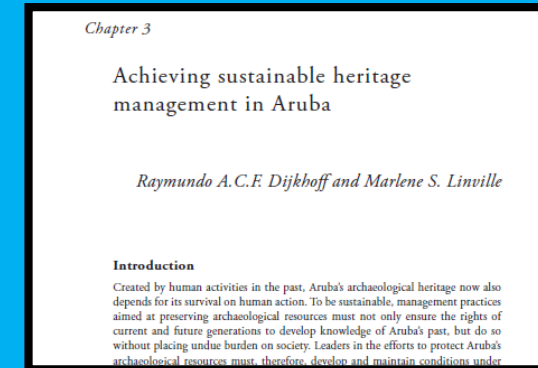




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Steps towards structural capacitation, creating awareness, cooperation, networking and legislative matters

- 2015 Publication Chapter “Achieving Sustainable Heritage Management in Aruba”: raising awareness
- 2016 Ministerial Decree Legislative Process Archaeology: legislation
- 2017 - Melissa Price lecture (first time) Underwater Archaeology “Florida Perspectives”: raising awareness  
- NAMA Goes Tech Project: raising awareness, networking





## 4. 2009-2018: Getting More Acquainted With the UNESCO 2001 Convention

Steps towards structural capacitation, creating awareness, cooperation, networking and legislative matters

- 2017 Lecture Boc'i Brik: raising awareness
- 2018 - Publication "Parallels in History - Shipwreck Salvage and Exploitation of Archaeological Resources in Florida and Aruba": raising awareness
- Placement Propellor SS Oranjestad in Boy Ecury Park: raising awareness

### Parallels in History: Shipwreck Salvage and Exploitation of Archaeological Resources in Florida and Aruba

**Melissa R. Price**

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#### Abstract

Beginning in the 1950s, Florida witnessed a fascinating and tumultuous series of events concerning salvage of historic shipwrecks. Before the Abandoned Shipwreck Act, many wrecks in Florida were actively salvaged with little regard for their archaeological value. Currently, Aruba is experiencing similar salvage activity coupled with a lack of comprehensive legislation that protects terrestrial and submerged archaeological sites. This paper draws parallels between mid-20<sup>th</sup> century Florida and present-day Aruba regarding legal frameworks that protect cultural resources. It examines Florida's legislative accomplishments and presents a potential model for the future of Aruba's cultural resources laws pertaining to submerged and terrestrial sites.

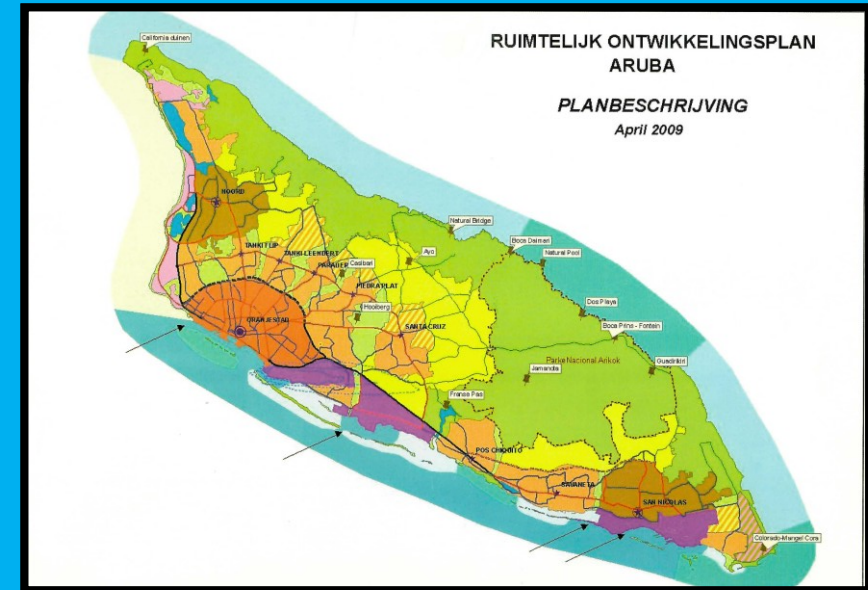




# 5. 2019-present: Concrete Steps Towards Ratification of the UNESCO 2001 Convention

Capacity building, creating/increasing awareness, knowledge exchange and cooperation, legislation, networking, research

- 2019
  - **Formal petition Overseas Countries of Dutch Kingdom to Ministry of Culture of the Netherlands to ratify UNESCO 2001 Convention**
  - Spatial Development Plan (ROP/ROPV) Marine Zones
  - Questionnaire to assess current state of UCH on the islands of the Dutch Kingdom
  - Concept Ordinance Maritime Management Aruba: legislative matters
- 2020
  - Session Dutch Kingdom (once): Capacitation, cooperation, networking
  - Installation of Dutch Maritime Heritage Workgroup: capacitation, cooperation, networking, raising awareness
  - Spatial Development Plan & Ordinance Marine areas Management FPNA: cooperation, management



## Expert Meeting on Underwater Cultural Heritage Management in the Dutch Caribbean

### Introduction

On Wednesday 29 January 2020, representatives from archaeological and marine park management organisations from all the Dutch Caribbean islands came together at what was the first Expert Meeting on Underwater Cultural Heritage Management in the Caribbean Part of the Kingdom. The meeting was held in the building of Curacao's National Archaeological-Anthropological Memory Management foundation (NAAM), which hosted the event. The meeting was initiated and financially supported by the International Programme for Maritime Heritage of the Cultural Heritage Agency of the Netherlands (RCE) due to the impending Kingdom-wide ratification of the UNESCO Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage (henceforth: the Convention) now planned for 2022. While the ratification has direct implications for the special municipalities of Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba, due to the international character of the Convention, the respective governments of Aruba, Curacao and Sint Maarten have also wished for the application of the Convention to be extended to them.

Cultural Heritage Agency (RCE) of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science\*  
Netherlands Representation in Willemstad  
*\*these organisations were also represented during the afternoon discussions*



Figure 1 - Group photo of the attendees of the morning session



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## AFKONDIGINGSBLAD VAN ARUBA

LANDSBESLUIT, houdende algemene maatregelen, van 5 mei 2020 ter uitvoering van artikel 10 van de Natuurbeschermingsverordening (AB 1995 no. 2) (nieuwe aanwijzing domeingronden als natuurreserveaat)

Uitgegeven, 8 mei 2020

De minister van Justitie,  
Veiligheid en Integratie,

A.C.G. Bikker

## 5. 2019-present: Concrete Steps Towards Ratification of the UNESCO 2001 Convention

Capacity building, creating/increasing awareness, knowledge exchange and cooperation, legislation, networking, research

- 2021
  - Input information NAMA Marine areas FPNA: Networking, cooperation, raising awareness (e.g. video production), management
  - Comprehensive Desk-based Research UCH sites Aruba (first time)

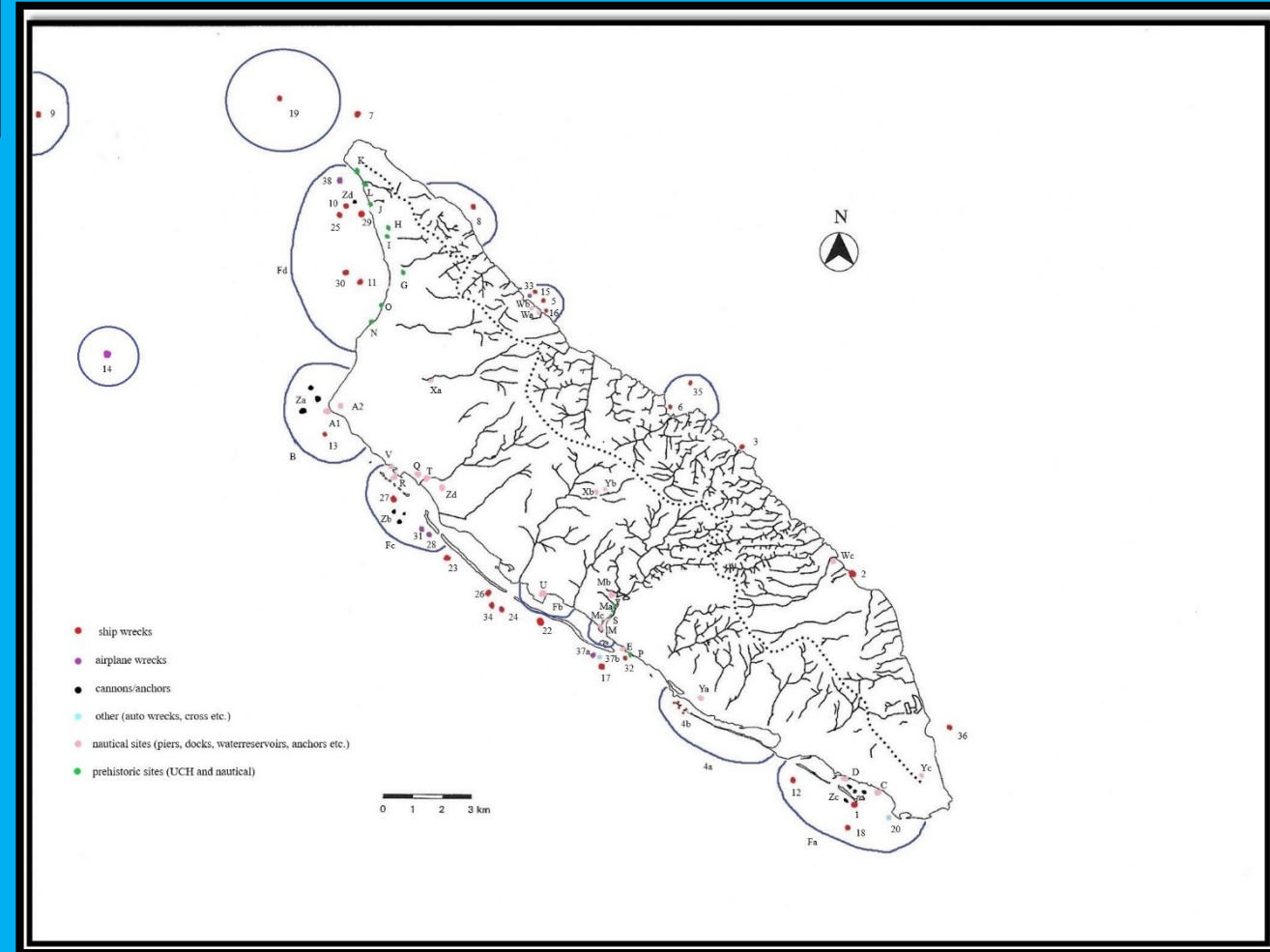
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### GEBIED 12A Rifeilanden & Mangrovegebieden

- 12.1 Rifeilanden (5) Bucuti
- 12.2 Rifeilanden (3) Barcadera
- 12.3 Rifeilanden (1) Balashi
- 12.4 Rifeilanden (8) Spaans Lagoen
- 12.5 Rifeilanden (5) Savaneta
- 12.6 Rifeilanden (2) Zeewijk
- 12.7 Parkietenbos tot AAA
- 12.8 Balashi en omgeving
- 12.9 Mangel Halto tot Spaans Lagoen
- 12.10 Isla de Ora en Santo Largo
- 12.11 Savaneta en omgeving
- 12.12 Zeewijk en omgeving





## 5. 2019-present: Concrete Steps Towards Ratification of the UNESCO 2001 Convention

Capacity building, creating/increasing awareness, knowledge exchange and cooperation, legislation, networking, research

- 2021 - Results Comprehensive Desk-based Research UCH sites Aruba (continuation)



*Underwater archaeological sites:*  
**Archaic Period**



*Underwater archaeological sites:*  
**Ceramic Period**



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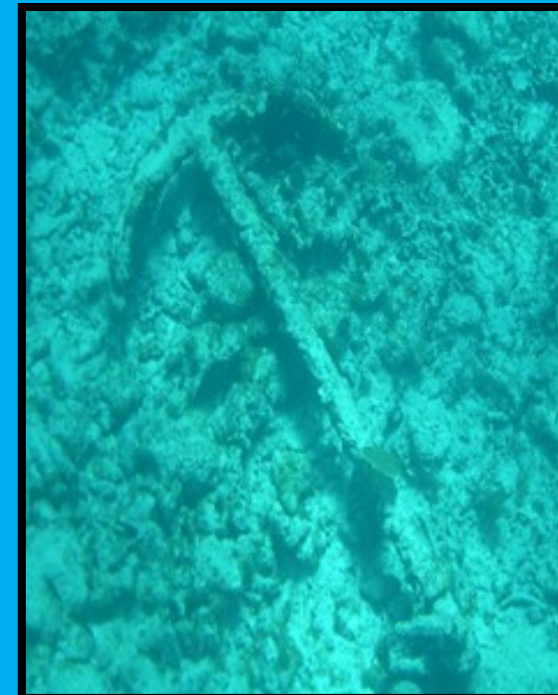
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*Maritime sites:*  
**Historic &  
Industrial Period**



*Nautical sites:*  
**Historic/Colonial, Industrial  
& Modern Period**

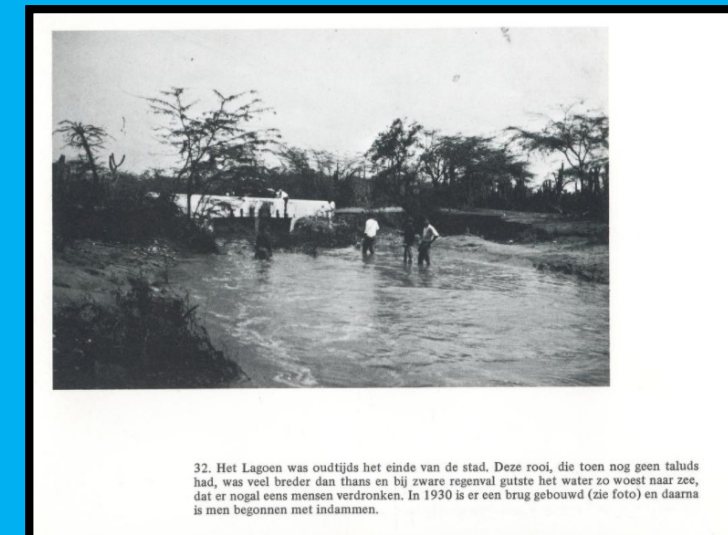
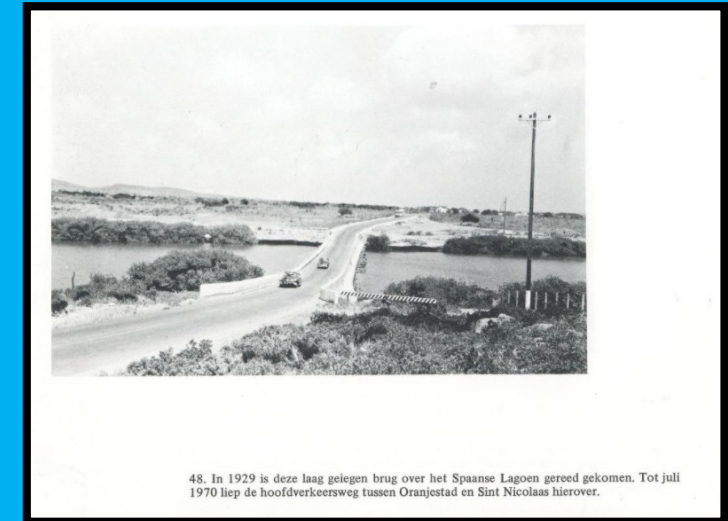
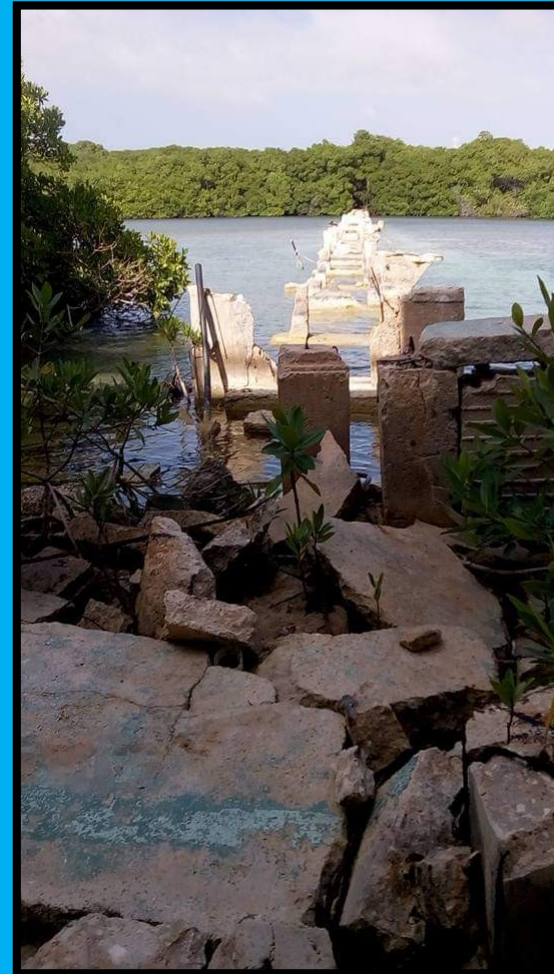
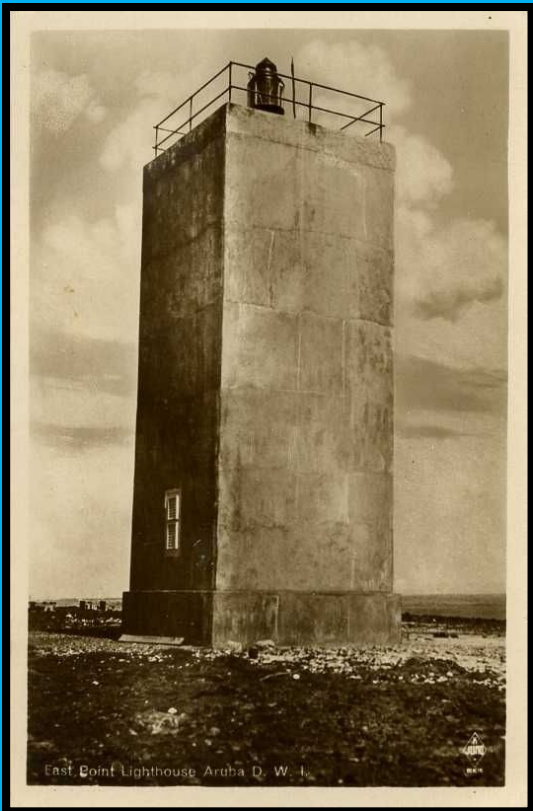


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2021

- Results Comprehensive Desk-based Research UCH sites Aruba (continuation)



*Maritime sites:*  
**Colonial, Industrial & Modern Period**



# 5. 2019-present: Concrete Steps Towards Ratification of the UNESCO 2001 Convention

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- 2021
  - Dutch Caribbean Maritime Heritage Workgroup: Task Forces of 1. Raising Awareness & 2. Legislative matters
  - Assignment Dutch legal expert for adaptations of laws in Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten
  - Advice terrain next to Gloria Cinemas: maritime archaeological context
  - UNESCO course Training Manual 2001 Convention: capacitation, networking, management

## Road to Improving Underwater Cultural Heritage Management in the Caribbean Part of the Kingdom

Necessary steps in preparation of the ratification of the UNESCO Convention for the protection of the underwater cultural heritage

**COVID-19 UPDATE:**  
*We are currently all hit hard by the mitigation efforts in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Apart from the inevitable delays, it is at this point difficult to foresee what effect this will have on the project Roadmap. However, we do have high hopes that the ideas we've gathered will be fine-tuned and eventually implemented in the coming period. We therefore keep a focus on a January 2022 ratification. This should be possible!*

### Proposed Principles of the Expert Group

#### Organisation of Meetings

- Coordination
  - We propose that the RCE remains the coordinator of the overall project. This coordination will be shared during specific activities, such as arranging digital and physical meetings or developing one of the themes.
- Timespan and frequency
  - We propose the RCE will send out each month an update with questions and discussion points upon which all may reply by email.
  - Central meetings will be held once per term or when opportune (see schedule below).
  - This project will be evaluated at the end of 2020.
  - We're currently thinking of getting back together in person at the start of 2021 – perhaps also bilateral or multilateral.
- Funding
  - For the time being, the RCE has reserved and maintains funds to organise the face-to-face meetings.
- Structure
  - We propose that each (digital) meeting is chaired by a different person, as well as that each meeting will have a different minute maker who will draft a report which has to be agreed upon by all attending the meeting before a final report is sent



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The Protection of  
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Cultural Heritage Agency  
Ministry of Education, Culture and Science

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### CURSO VIRTUAL SOBRE EL MANUAL DE ENTRENAMIENTO PARA EL CURSO FUNDACIONAL DE LA UNESCO SOBRE LA PROTECCIÓN Y MANEJO DEL PATRIMONIO CULTURAL SUBACUÁTICO EN AMÉRICA LATINA Y EL CARIBE


Realizado entre el 16 de agosto y el 24 de octubre de 2021  
Intensidad horaria: 100 horas.



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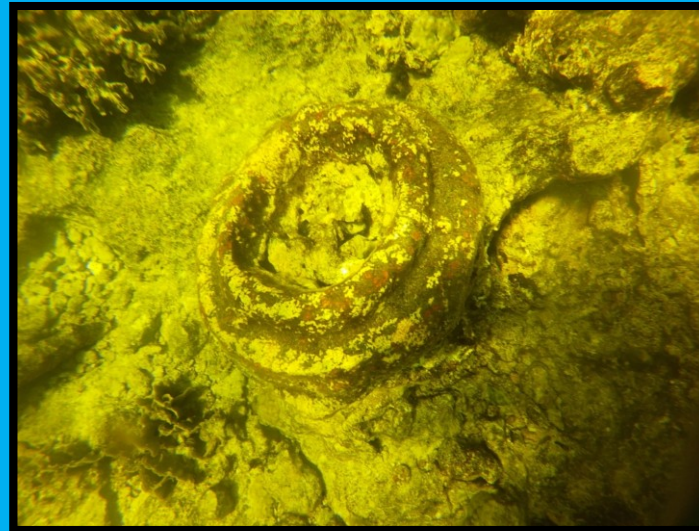


National Archaeological Museum Aruba  
September 2021

## 5. 2019-present: Concrete Steps Towards Ratification of the UNESCO 2001 Convention

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- 2021 - Prospection Survey Maritime Cultural Landscapes (first time) by a marine archaeologist in an international project (NAMA - RCE - SyMAR - FPNA - DLVV - Jads Dive Center Aruba): networking, capacitation, data collecting/research

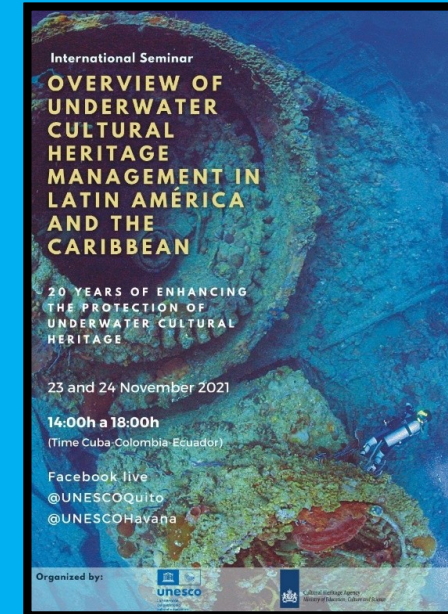




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- 2021
  - Prospection Survey Maritime Cultural Landscapes (continuation) by a Marine archaeologist in an international project (NAMA - RCE - SyMAR - FPNA - DLVV - Jads Dive Center Aruba): networking, capacitation, data collecting/research
  - Lecture “Aruba/Dutch Kingdom 2022: Towards Ratification of the UNESCO 2001 Convention





## 5. 2019-present: Concrete Steps Towards Ratification of the UNESCO 2001 Convention

Capacity building, creating/increasing awareness, knowledge exchange and cooperation, legislation, networking

- **2022/23** - Final advice Dutch legal expert mr. Tim Timmers
  - Internship archaeology student double master degree (UCH & osteology): development of a national UCH management plan
  - Input information NAMA Marine areas FPNA: Networking, cooperation, raising awareness, management
  - **RATIFICATION OF UNESCO 2001 CONVENTION:**  
**Legislation, Preservation, Documentation, Research, Management UCH Aruba**

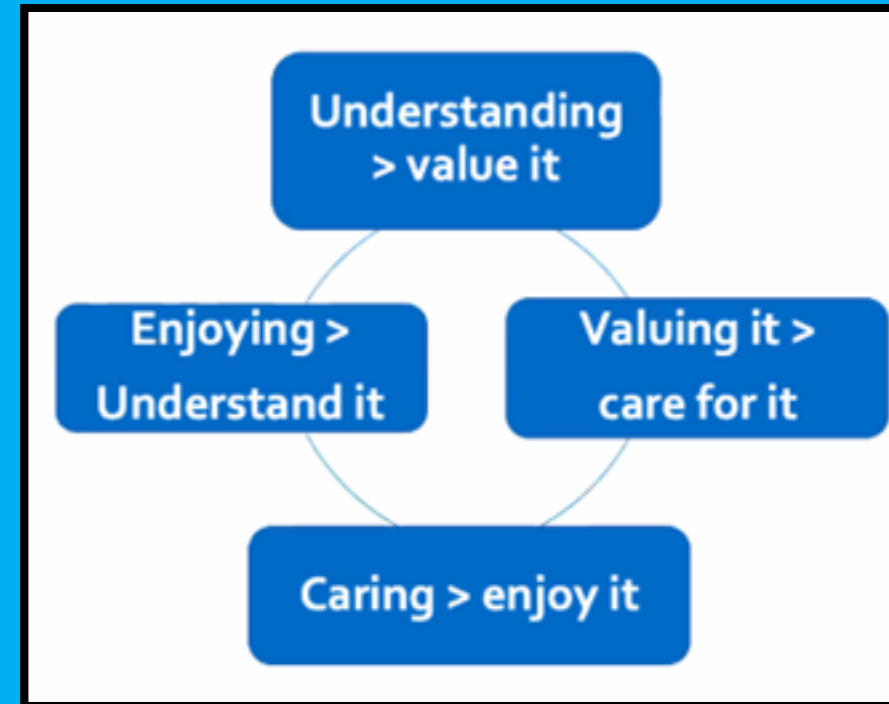
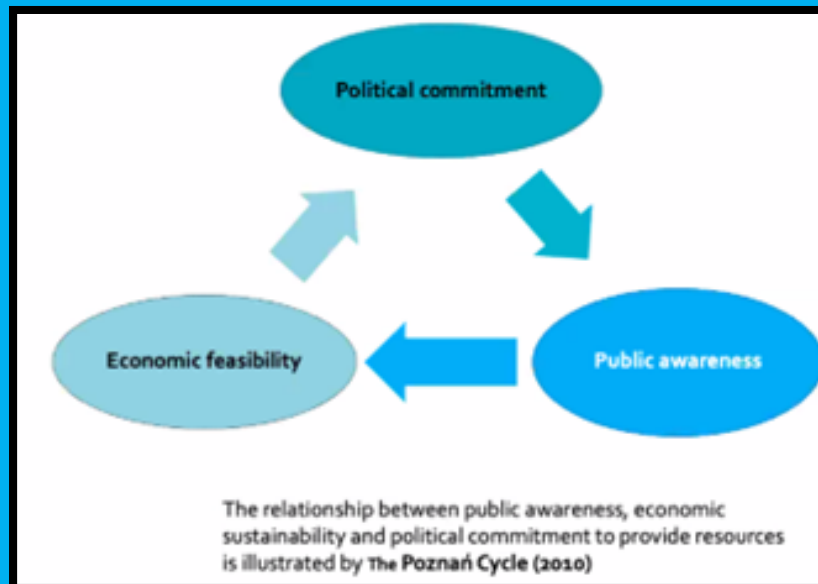




## 6. Conclusions and Future UCH Aruba

Parallel Development UCH Aruba & UNESCO 2001 Convention + Create UCH Management Infrastructure According to UNESCO UCH 2001 Convention/Annex

- Twenty years of Parallel Development UCH in Aruba related to the UNESCO 2001 Convention
- From treasure hunting/collecting, to data collecting, to capacitation, to raising awareness, to networking, to cooperation, to legislative matters, to survey/research and now finally Ratification of UNESCO 2001 UCH Convention
- Importance of Development of UCH Policy and Management Plan
- Create official UCH Management Structure and Infrastructure
- Promote/stimulate Study and Documentation UCH
- Long-term Preservation and Management of UCH
- Education/Raising Awareness UCH
- Establish and Maintain Network UCH stakeholders/partners
- Public and Community Archaeology
- Important: fusion of terrestrial and underwater archaeology
- Application of the Poznan and English Heritage Cycles





# Stakeholders

- ❖ The Ministry of Culture
- ❖ The Ministry of Justice
- ❖ The Ministry of Tourism
- ❖ The National Archeological Museum Aruba
- ❖ UNESCO Aruba
- ❖ The Department of Culture
- ❖ The Council of Monuments
- ❖ The Office of Monuments
- ❖ The Department of Education
- ❖ The Department of Public Works
- ❖ The Department of Infrastructure and Planning
- ❖ The Department of Legislation and Legal Affairs
- ❖ The Shipping Department
- ❖ The Department of Agriculture, Husbandry and Fisheries
- ❖ The Department of Nature and Environment
- ❖ The Meteorological Department
- ❖ The Public Ministry
- ❖ The Aruba Tourism Authority
- ❖ The Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association
- ❖ Hadicurari fisher's center
- ❖ The Police and Coast Guard
- ❖ The Marine base
- ❖ The Aruba National Park Foundation (marine park management)
- ❖ The Rancho Foundation
- ❖ Dive schools/companies and divers
- ❖ Fishing companies and fishers
- ❖ Companies of renting equipment and providing tours on or under the sea
- ❖ Companies providing aquatic related activities
- ❖ SS Oranjestad Memorial Committee
- ❖ Aruban media

